

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, 3 and 37 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A graft for biomedical use, the graft comprising flow tubing which is for use in vivo to carry blood or other bodily fluids and which is made of biocompatible material, the flow tubing having a tubing portion with an internal diameter and defining a flow lumen, the flow lumen of said tubing portion having a centre line and being substantially free of ribs or grooves, wherein the graft is set such that the centre line of the flow lumen follows a substantially helical path with a so as to define a helical centre line, the helical centre line having a helix angle and a helix amplitude, the helix angle being less than or equal to 45°, and the helix amplitude of the helix is being less than or equal to one half of the internal diameter of the tubing portion.

2. (Original) A graft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amplitude of the helical centre line divided by the internal diameter of the tubing is at least 0.05.

3. (Currently Amended) A graft for biomedical use, the graft comprising flow tubing which is for use in vivo to carry blood or other bodily fluids and which is made of biocompatible material, the flow tubing having a tubing portion with an internal diameter and a centre line and defining a flow lumen, wherein the graft is set such that the centre line of the flow lumen follows a substantially helical path with a so as to define a helical centre line, the helical centre line having a helix angle and a helix amplitude, the helix angle being less than or equal to 45°, the helix amplitude of the helical centre line is being less than or equal to one half of the internal diameter of the tubing portion, and the amplitude of the helical centre line divided by the internal diameter of the tubing portion is at least 0.05.

4-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the helix angle is less than or equal to 15° .

9. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the flow lumen of the tubing portion is of substantially circular cross-section.

10-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the centre line of the tubing portion follows a substantially helical path about an axis which is curved.

13. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a pharmaceutical coating.

14-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 3 wherein the helix angle is less than or equal to 15° .

29. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 3 wherein the flow lumen of the tubing portion is substantially circular in cross-section.

30. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 3 wherein the centre line of the tubing portion follows a substantially helical path about an axis which is curved.

31. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 3 further comprising a pharmaceutical coating.

32. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 1 wherein the tubing portion comprises a tubular wall which resists reduction of the amplitude of the helical centre line.

33. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 3 wherein the tubing portion comprises a tubular wall which resists reduction of the amplitude of the helical centre line.

34. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the graft is thermally set.

35. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the tubing portion has a wall comprising a helical winding to help maintain a circular cross-section of the flow lumen.

36. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 35, wherein the helix angle of the helical winding is larger than the helix angle of the helical centre line of the flow lumen.

37. (Currently Amended) A graft for in vivo use comprising a flow tubing having to carry blood or other bodily fluids and which tubing is made of biocompatible material, the flow tubing including a tubing portion with an internal diameter and defining a flow lumen, the flow lumen of said tubing portion including a center line having a helix angle and a helix amplitude, said tubing portion being substantially free of ribs or grooves, wherein the graft is set such that

the centerline of the flow lumen follows a substantially helical path with a the helix angle being less than or equal to 35° , and

the amplitude of the helix is less than or equal to one half of the internal diameter of the tubing portion.

38. (Previously Presented) A graft as claimed in claim 37, wherein the graft is thermally set.

39. (Previously Presented) A graft is claimed in claim 37, wherein the tubing portion has a wall comprising a helical winding to help maintain a circular cross-section of the flow lumen.

40. (Currently Amended) A graft as claimed in claim 39, wherein the helix angle of the helical winding is larger than the helix angle of the helical centre center line of the flow lumen.